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Sir:

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The document submitted herewith is an Amendment filed on August 11, 2004 in the Carbone application, Serial No. 10/091,068, against which applicants have requested the declaration of an interference.

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